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Applicant: Katsuhiko Mikoshiba *et al.*
Title: RNA-BINDING PROTEIN
Appl. No.: 09/821,687
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Examiner: Konstantina T. KATCHEVES
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002, applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 3-8 and 21-23, drawn to an isolated gene for prosecution on the merits. This election is without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Although applicants believe that no additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorize to charge any additional fees deemed necessary, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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